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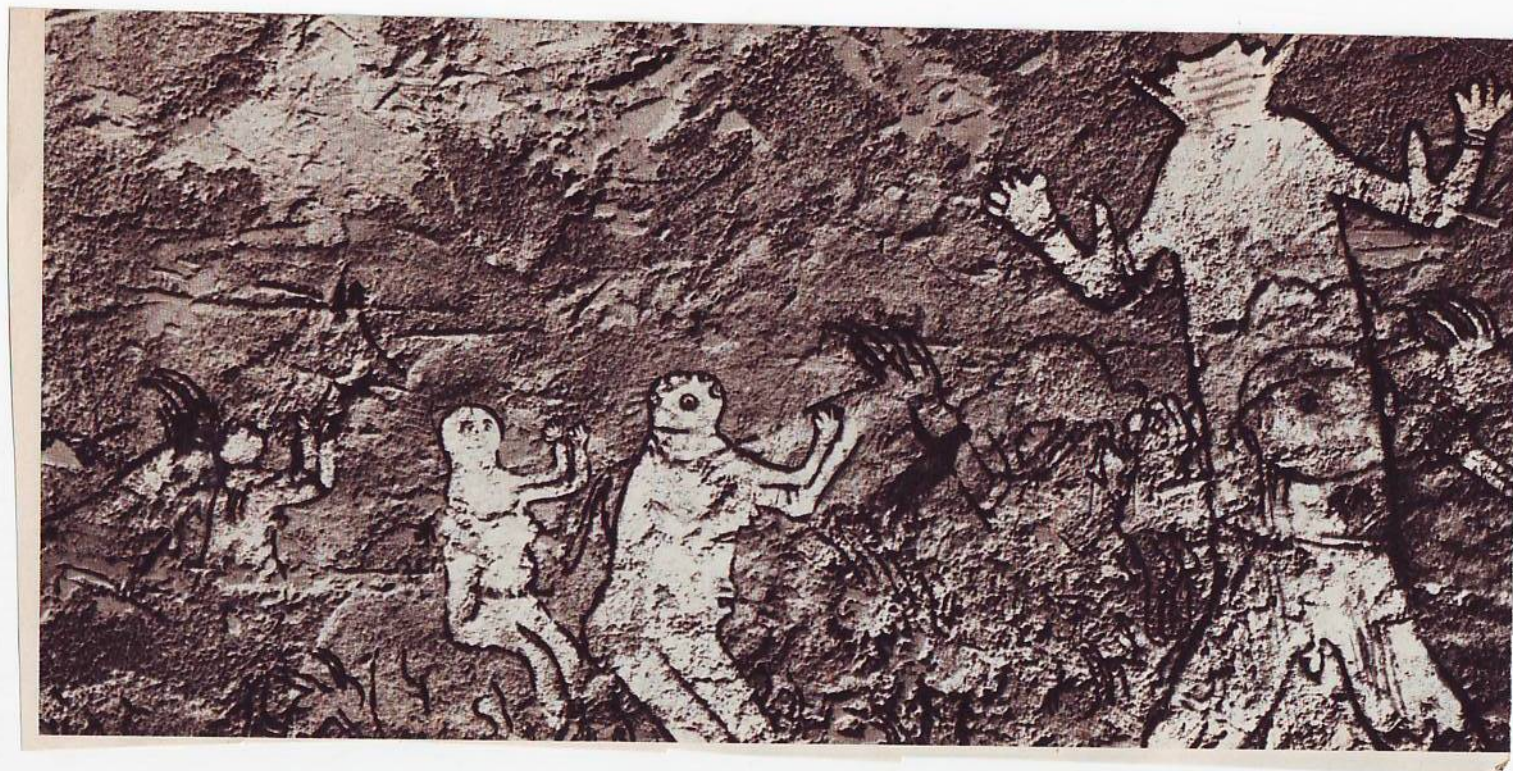
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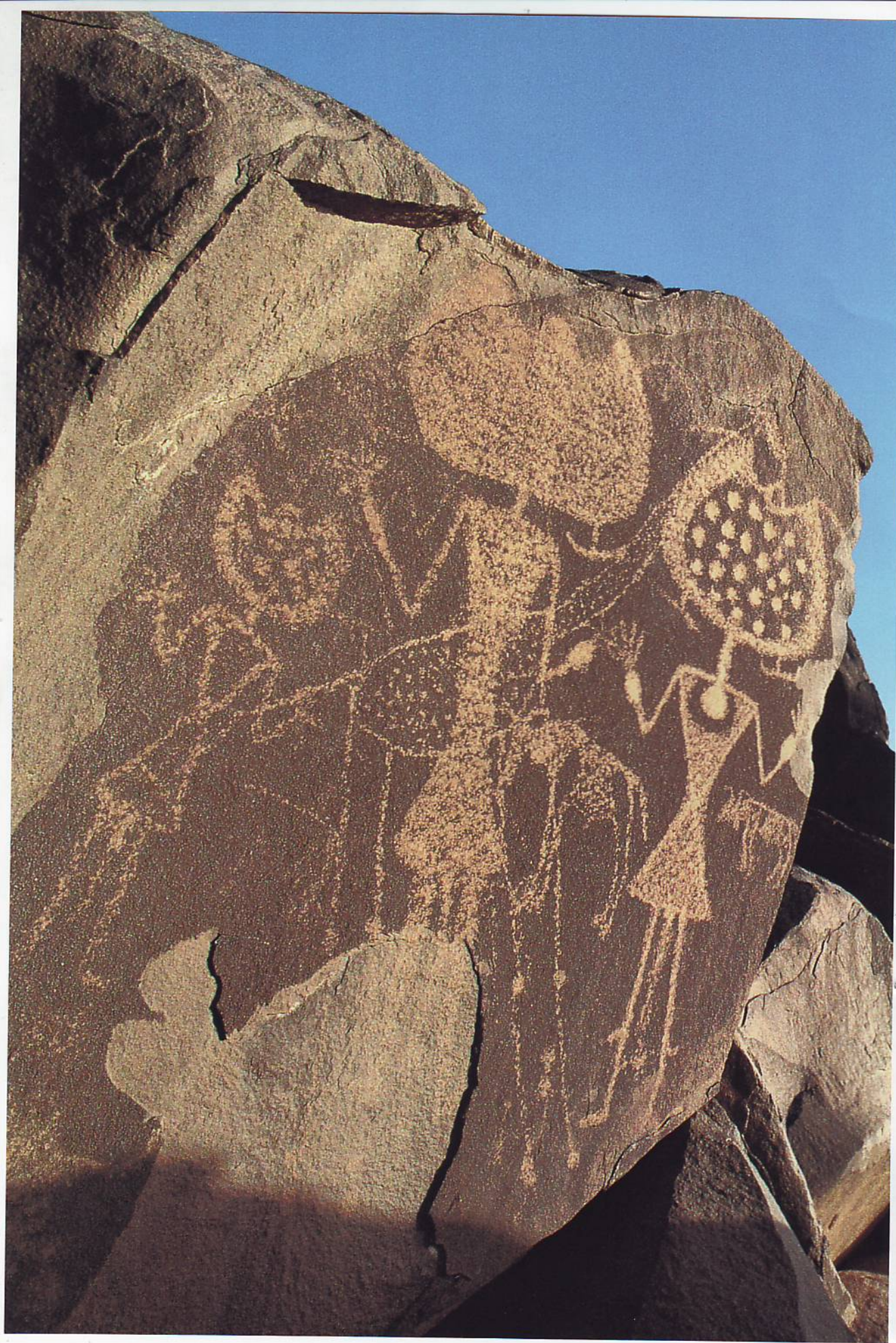
BATTUTA DALLE **CAROVANE** DEI TUAREG, QUESTO **ALTOPIANO** NASCONDE NEL-
QUATTROMILA ANNI FA DA UN POPOLO **MISTERIOSO** CHE VIVEVA UNA TERRA
ANTILOPI E VENERAVA IL DIO DELLA **PIOGGIA** TESTO DI **RENATA MAMBELLI** FOTO DI **VALERIO TRAVI**





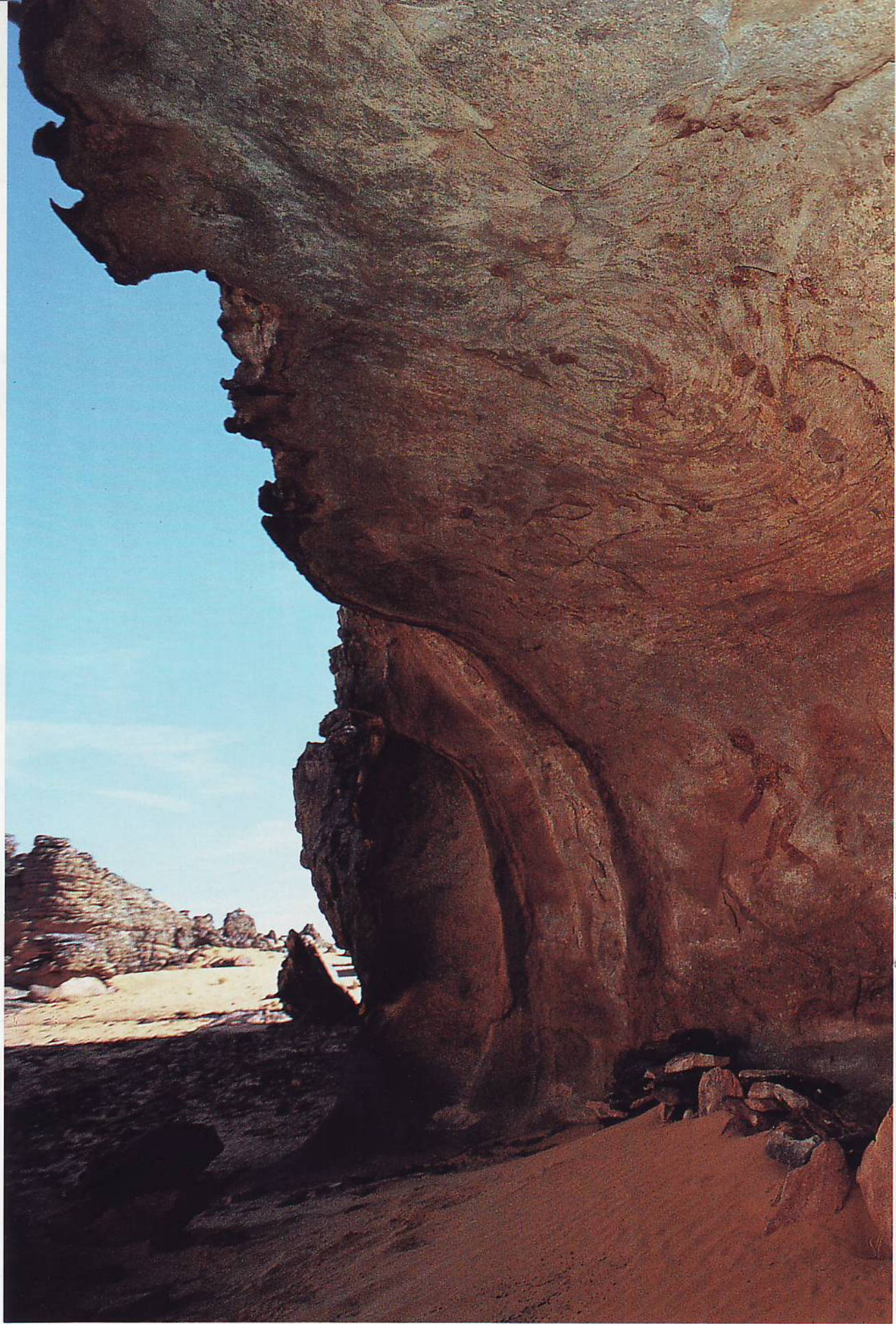
Tan Zoumaitak. Figura zoomorfa del periodo arcaico delle « Teste rotonde ».





With tulip-shaped heads and hourglass bodies, these 2,500-year-old figures look more like they're from a different planet than another time. Working on a pile of boulders in Niger's Air mountains, the artist pecked through a dark patina to reveal the bright granite underneath.





As if sprung from a dream, floating figures seem to swim across the Sahara toward an eight-foot-tall archer. Found in Algeria, these immense paintings, which may depict shamanistic out-of-body travel, are typical of the Round Head period, about 9,000 to 7,000 years ago.

